

August 26, 2022

Dear Friends,

Sunday Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

Pastor Jesse's sermon will bring a fresh look at the Parable of the Talents: "Each of us has a purpose in life. Each of us has a call to *live out the dash*. Are you living yours out? Or will you, like so many others, get to the end of your dash and say, 'I wasted my life. All those years gone, and I'm not really sure how or why it all happened; it just did.' How you live your life matters for three main reasons that we will look to unpack from Matthew 25:14-30."

[Join the livestream service here.](#) When you click on the link above, this will launch the SWC Livestream homepage. From there you may need to click the "Videos" tab to access this Sunday's Livestream.

Here are the songs with lyrics linked:

[Holy is the Lord, O Worship the King](#), [Goodness of God](#), [Who Is There Like You](#), [Not Be Shaken](#)

For Scripture readings, events, prayer focus, and other news, [check out Sunday's bulletin](#).

[Click here](#) to send your prayer requests to the prayer team.

Summer Sunday School

Sunday school for JK to Gr. 6 will be available. Please note that, in accordance with Sunnyside's protection policy, only teachers and children may gather in the Sunday school classrooms (beyond the doors leading from the washroom area) during class time. Please come in-person immediately after the service to pick up your child(ren); a rover will escort them to the door. Our Children's Ministry Committee is working hard to ensure that Sunnyside remains a safe space for kids – thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Celebration Reception

Next Sunday, September 4, District Superintendent Dr. Eric R. Hallett will be preaching in the service and commissioning our pastoral team (including Pastor Jesse in his new role as full-time Worship and Administrative Pastor). After the service, please stay for a celebration reception in the foyer. Cake, coffee, and tea will be served as we look forward to a new season in the life of our church. I'm told that this will also be a "farewell" to me as I leave my position as Office Administrator. (If you missed the staff team announcements last week, please scroll down.)

Ignite Youth

Sunnyside's weekly youth group, Gr. 7-12, will kick-off on Tuesday, September 6 at 7 p.m. at the home of Paul and Patty Racine. For more info, [contact Pastor Nate](#).

Been There's

Are you older and wiser...in other words, 60+ years old? Grab a coffee and join our seniors group on Zoom every month starting Thursday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m. There is usually a special speaker and always time for prayer and fellowship. [Contact Jill Davis](#) for the link.

Can You Help?

[Capital City Mission](#), which is one of our missions partners, is running low on supplies of bottled water and individually packaged snacks (granola bars, cookies, etc.) which they offer to those coming in off the street. Please drop your donations off at 521 Rideau St. (corner of Cobourg), Monday to Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and noon.

ICYM: An Update from our LBA Vice-Chair

Beth Fleming will be retiring from the church office as of September 9th. We are grateful for her work anchoring the office these past four-and-a-half years. I am pleased to announce that Jesse Duncan will assume many of these duties in a new full-time role as Worship and Administrative Pastor as of September 6th. Also, Paul Racine has agreed to continue mentoring and leading our staff in the role of Pastoral Coordinator on a temporary basis as we continue to search for a new senior pastor. Altogether, we have a strong team in Abe, Jesse, Nate, and Paul and are confident in their leadership as we follow the Lord during this time of transition.

Paul Wilson, Vice-Chair
Local Board of Administration

Flying South

On Tuesday a flock of geese flew over my head, perhaps wanting to get a head start on the migration to warmer climes. Instead of focusing on the ominous reason for their flight south, let's ponder the beautiful metaphors about the Christian life that these truly Canadian birds inspire. Fortitude, commitment, teamwork, mutual submission, not to mention the majesty of creatures in flight. Notice how we never see other migrating birds intermingled with geese in flight? [One devotional writer puts it this way](#): "Birds of a feather flock together. What is true for birds is pretty much true for people too. When you begin hanging out with Jesus, you begin to hang out with His people." This is why our life in the Sunnyside community is so important. It offers a safe place for us to flock and fly together, no matter what the forecast.

Blessings,
Beth Fleming (for the whole team)